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THE TRUTH ABOUT INDO-CHINA

by

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Since June of 1951, Member LEO HOCHSTETTER has been in Indo-China directing the MSA's information program there. Prior to that, he spent seven years in Eastern Europe, the Near East and the Far East as correspondent and government information officer. Now, back in the U.S. for conferences with MSA and State Department experts, he brings the Overseas Press Club an inside, informed talk on "The Truth About Indo-China".

HOCHSTETTER has a long experience as newspaperman and correspondent, beginning in Washington, D.C., in the Thirties. He has since been an OWI news editor, information director for UNRRA in Yugoslavia, CBS Near East correspondent and ECA information chief in Turkey and Indo-China. Don't miss this top-level discussion on one of the world's hot spots.

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ARTHUR FLETCHER, public information officer for the UN's Technical Assistance Administration, was in Washington this week to sit with a committee setting up a National Conference on International Economic and Social Development ... An eye-witness to the Cuban revolution of General Batista was LILLIAN G. GENN, who popped into Havana just in time for the fun; no time to look up OPCers -- too busy covering the story! ... IRENE CORBALLY KUHN leaves on a world tour soon after her new book, "The Enemy Within", is published. She'll go to Honolulu briefly, thence to the Philippines via PAL to do a book on the Pacific republic for Doubleday, as well as articles for Cosmopolitan and other mags. Finally, she will hit Hong Kong, Formosa and Europe before returning in the fall ...

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In the United States on leave is ERIC HAWKINS, managing editor of the New York Herald Tribune's Paris edition. He's off on a jaunt currently, returning March 27 to his Hotel Algonquin digs -- where he may be reached after that date! ... Former OPC Treasurer RALPH JULES FRANTZ and Loulette Frantz are abandoning Greenwich Village after 17 years for a house in Fairlawn, N.J. The Club's Treasurer Emeritus, who is telegraph editor for the New York Herald Tribune, views commuting with mixed emotions, according to late reports ...

A typo in the March 15 Bulletin, in "The Overseas Ticker" department, quoted JOHN DONOVAN as quoting a source as saying he was "bitter about American Air line services which delayed him..." Obviously, the second "A" should be lower-case, with no reference to American Airlines intended ... SIDNEY HERTZBERG (and Mrs. H) left March 19 for two months visit to India, with brief stopovers in London, Paris and Cairo ... A recent returnee from Europe is Esquire's RICHARD JOSEPH, whose Doubleday book, "Your Trip to Britain", debuts April 10. An earlier work (as of March 10) hit the bookstalls from Doubleday under title, "World Wide Travel Guide" ...

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Add OPCers in New Hampshire: ALEX FAULKNER of the London Daily Telegraph, who was among a half-dozen other British newspaper correspondents covering the primary election ... PAT DUNN off March 13 for a three-week vacation, hitting Athens, Nice and Rome, among other spots ...

When General Batista's Cuban coup d'etat became known to the outside world March 10, EDMUND CHESTER, CBS Radio director of news and public affairs, received a direct report on its success in a telephone conversation with Mrs. Batista herself. She told CHESTER that the Cuban government had been taken over by her husband "without much trouble". After he spoke with her, CHESTER interviewed General Batista's next in command, General Francisco Tabernilla, who confirmed Senora Batista's statement about the coup. CHESTER for many years was a news correspondent in Latin America ... Word from Manila has EGBERT WHITE running the State Department's information program in the Far East, with emphasis on a 48-page magazine which prints in 11 languages ... Same source (Stars & Stripes Newsletter) has STAN SWINTON entertaining visiting firemen in his Rome bachelor apartment ...

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CLUB CALENDAR

Admissions Committee Meeting Clubrooms Monday, March 24, 6:15 PM
Board of Governors Meeting .. Home of B. MATHIEU, 36 East 61st St. .. Tuesday, March 25, 8:30 PM

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GROUP ACCIDENT, INSURANCE PLAN) The group accident and sickness insurance plan sponsored
NOW UNDER WAY AS OPC-APPROVED;) by the Overseas Press Club is now under way, according to
MEMBERS TO RECEIVE INFORMATION) Secretary-Treasurer JOSEPH J. WURZEL, who participated in
negotiations with the insurance company. All Members will
shortly receive application forms and pertinent literature direct from Mr. Lundgren of the
Continental Casualty Company. Club Headquarters urges all Members study the plan, and, if it
meets with their requirements, enroll with a minimum of delay.

When 50 per cent of the membership is enrolled, any previously designated as "uninsurable"
will automatically become eligible. Therein, according to WURZEL, lies one of the main points
of value to the Members as a whole.

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:::: COMING EVENTS ::::

Thursday, April 3 -- On this occasion his colleagues in the Overseas Press Club will cele-
brate the 30th anniversary on the air of H. V. KALTENBORN, NBC commentator recognized as the
"dean of radio commentators", with a luncheon in his honor at Toots Shor's restaurant. There
will also be on hand other radio newsmen who will pay tribute to this outstanding commentator.

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Congratulations to Club Member WILL OURSLER, who recently was elected executive vice-
president of the Mystery Writers of America, succeeding LARRY BLOCHMAN, OPC House Committee
Chairman ... Program Chairman SANFORD GRIFFITH off on another trip to Europe, including stop-
overs in Paris and Berlin, where he hopes again to penetrate the Iron Curtain ... CBS commen-
tator LARRY LESUEUR recently keynoted Jersey City's Crusade for Freedom on the largest radio
net ever assembled. Program featured overseas broadcast by immigrants of 31 nations, stating
how they fared as American citizens -- on the 35th anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution ...

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New deputy assistant Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs is JOSEPH B. PHILLIPS, one-time New York Herald Tribune correspondent in Paris, London, Rome and Moscow, and most recently foreign affairs director for Newsweek. He entered State Department duty two years ago ... Proposed travel restrictions on Russian employes of Tass and other Soviet news organizations were approved this week by CARROLL BINDER, editorial editor of the Minneapolis Tribune and a member of the UN's Subcommittee on Freedom of Information. BINDER said that, "All my life, I have fought for the right of correspondents to travel freely and to have their dispatches transmitted without government interference ... However, since, as I understand it, the Soviets classify Tass men as diplomats and when they restrict our diplomats, we have no alternative but to treat these men as they are treated by our own Government..."

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DR. ALBERTO GAINZA PAZ, exiled publisher of Argentina's La Prensa, will speak before the annual dinner of the American Society of Newspaper Editors in Washington April 19 ... New York Times columnist ANNE O'HARE McCORMICK arrived in New York March 10 after a trip to Spain ... A series of six lectures on American foreign policy will be delivered May 5 through 13 at the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge by WALTER LIPPMANN, New York Herald Tribune columnist ...

MAIL BAG: From India comes a news-filled epistle from GERALDINE FITCH, currently on a round-the-worlder for NEA and its 825 serviced newspapers. Reports Hong Kong much like Shanghai of the good old days -- "shops overflowing with lovely things -- ivory, china, woodcarvings, silks, embroideries and Chinese rugs". Prices are down, she says, and foreign exchange is favorable to anyone with American dollars. "We had many glimpses behind the Bamboo Curtain while in the Crown colony; it is not a pretty picture." On top Chinese predicted that 1952 would see the end of private enterprise in China. Mrs. FITCH is now en route through Assam, Manipur, Madras and Ceylon ...

And also a Luftpostleichtbrief (or air mail short-short) from Capt. JOHN D. McTIGUE at Weinheim, Germany, who regards the recent Board decision to remit dues of OPCers on active duty as "a service which I am sure most of us recalled to duty will deeply appreciate. Unfortunately, working for Uncle Sam never does quite have the same monetary reward our old mufti jobs afforded. And -- no expense account either". Regarding the friendly feud with Capt. HENRY GELLERMANN, who recently dubbed McTIGUE "Captain Fatigue", the latter recalls that "despite the crossed infantry rifles on his collar, HENRY insists on tilting his overseas cap to the left as the Armored boys do. Says that since he's in Psychological Warfare it makes him feel 'tanked'. (HENRY just poked his head in, looked at this note and said, 'you don't think they're gonna "tank" you for that gag, do you'." ...

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THE OVERSEAS TICKER

LONDON DATELINE: -- (Special to The Bulletin) -- After several years as London correspondent for the New York Herald Tribune, Jack Tait is packing to return to the States. He, wife Pauline and family, leave in April; he'll work on the Trib's New York office. Jack's place will be taken by Gaston Coblentz, who recently arrived from the Balkans ... The U.S.

Embassy bar, unofficial hangout of the American press crowd here and probably the closest thing to an American press club, has just been completely redecorated ...

Kay and GENE FARMER of Life arrived back here this week after several weeks in the New York office, where GENE was called in off vacation when the King died to edit the magazine's two fat picture stories on the funeral and accession ... Recent visitors include Cherry and DON COOK of the Herald Tribune's Paris office (to which he was recently transferred from Bonn to cover potential presidential nominee Eisenhower), Dmitri Kessel and Henri Cartier-Bresson of Life -- all to cover the King's death and funeral ...

Farnsworth Fowle has arrived from Germany to take Ben Welles' place in the New York Times London bureau (Welles having been transferred to SHAPE) ... Joseph Evans, ECA alias MSA chief PRO, recently was elevated to a second job, which he'll do simultaneously -- that of Embassy press chief ... Otto Friedrich has arrived from Germany to join UP's bureau here ... Sent to cover the winter olympics were, among others, AP's Ben Phleger and Time's Cranston Jones ...

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His London friends learn that Eric Gibbs, former London and Bonn bureau chief for Time and now heading the magazine's Paris office, has just become father of a second boy, named Gregory. His wife Inez and new son are doing fine ... Bill Rospigliosi has come from the Rome office to work in Time's London bureau ... Scheduled to return to the U.S. this spring and be stationed at the UN is WILLIAM MCGAFFIN of the Chicago Daily News, along with wife Jean and baby ...

Howard K. Smith of CBS was recently elected president of the American Correspondents' Association here, succeeding R. H. Shackford. One of Howard's first accomplishments was to set up an A.A.C.S. lunch for Aneurin Bevan. But a few days before it was to be held, the lunch was called off. Within a fortnight, the Bevanite revolt took place during the Defense Debate. Incidentally, all sorts of bad jokes are going the rounds re the Bevan revolt. One is that there's a new dish in the House of Commons restaurant called the Bevan split -- like a banana split, only with tougher skin.

HONG KONG DATELINE: -- (Special to The Bulletin) -- A more than active schedule is being pursued by the Foreign Correspondents' Club here, which currently is housing, among others, Life's NOEL F. BUSCH, Jack James and your correspondent (whose book, "Brain-Washing in Red China", has gone into a second printing, been printed for a special issue in Japan and is being translated into a number of languages -- editor's note).

Every Sunday the Club features a special curry lunch at \$5, a spaghetti dinner on Wednesday (costs \$6), and a club buffet with dance orchestra Saturdays. And between March 12 and March 27, the club sponsored four special events, ranging from a documentary film and a talk on "The British Political System" to a chicken-in-the-rough party and a "Night in Montmartre". -- (EDWARD HUNTER).

LELAND STOWE has just returned from lectures in Idaho, Wyoming, Washington, California, Colorado, Kansas and Missouri, which provided opportunity for reunions with Gladwyn Hill, New York Times correspondent in Los Angeles; Tom Logan, assistant managing editor of the San Francisco Chronicle; E. P. Hoyt, Denver Post editor; Bob Lucas, Ed Dooley and others on his staff; Ed Hoyt and Connie Poulos (editor and managing editor, respectively, of the Colorado Springs Free Press); and Dwight Pennington, feature editor of the Kansas City Star, "Everywhere I spoke," STOWE reports, "the majority of the audience warmly applauded my statements in favor of Ike for President. Popular sentiment seems strong for Eisenhower. A Spokane taxi driver told me he had just started polling his customers... So far, 19 out of 20 were for Ike, he said. But many political wise-boys insist Taft is well ahead with party-machine members. They say Taft is likely to be nominated unless the General comes home and makes some speeches in April or May..." ... Hollywood film writer VICTOR LASKY arrives in New York this week for the opening of the Morrie Ryskind play, "The Long Watch", in which he is an investor ...



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AUTHORS, NEWLY-RETURNED MEMBERS)
FETED AT CLUBROOMS COCKTAIL PARTY)
WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MARCH 14)

An enthusiastic crowd of OPCers gathered at the Club-rooms on March 14 to salute Members who have recently authored books, as well as those just back in the United States from abroad. Feature attraction was provided by

IRENE KUHN who, with Father Raymond deJaegher, wrote "The Enemy Within", a recent Doubleday release.

"The more you stay under the Communists, the more you realize you are just being used by them," said Father deJaegher, a Belgian priest who was captive of the Chinese Reds for several years. "Nobody under Communist control can be free. Everyone must work or disappear ... Under Communist control everybody is poor." And he related how the Chinese value, in order, learning, virtue and money. Asked about the influence of Russian Communism over the Chinese export product, Father deJaegher said, "The Chinese say we are Chinese and want to be independent. But I noticed in North China that the Russian Communists were underground. They were active everywhere."

Among recently-returned Members who took a bow were JOSEPH ROSAPEPE of the Journal of Commerce and his wife, DOROTHY CAREW, and RITA HUME SECONDARI, all just back from Rome. Another authoress cited for her literary achievements was KATHRYN CRAVENS, who wrote the prize-winning novel, "Pursuit of Gentlemen". Book prizes: "The Enemy Within", won by FRED ROSEN, and "Pursuit of Gentlemen", won by COL. WILLIAM MAYER.

GUEST BOOK: Esquire travel editor RICHARD JOSEPH, photog BERT BRANDT, KATHRYN LEEDS, RUTH LLOYD ... Newsweek's TOM MALLEY, DOROTHY N. S. RUSSELL, PAUL VAJDA, Vice President WILLIAM P. GRAY ... Also, MATTHEW HUTTNER, WAMBLY BALD of the New York Post, JOHN GOETTE, MADELINE ROSS, ADELE NATHAN, B. MATHIEU, A. WILFRED MAY, etc., etc.

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ROCKET-BORN SPACE SHIP) Within ten years and at an estimated cost of \$4 billion, a
POSSIBLE IN TEN YEARS,) rocket-launched space station can be established 1,075 miles above
VON BRAUN TELLS CLUB) the earth. That was the prediction of Dr. Wernher von Braun, creator of Germany's V-2 rocket and currently a guided missile expert for the U.S. Army, who spoke to a Club luncheon at Toots Shor's Restaurant March 19. Dr. von Braun was introduced by CORNELIUS RYAN, associate editor of Collier's, which this week released an article symposium on space travel in which von Braun participated.

Tracing the history of rocket development, Dr. von Braun explained how he began his research in Germany in 1923, climaxing with production of the deadly V-2. Later, at the White Sands Proving Ground, two rockets which von Braun helped launch reached heights of 114 and 250 miles respectively. The latter rocket, he explained, used a two-stage propulsion apparatus which spurred on a sectional rocket after the original "mother" carrier had been exhausted.

"Operating on this same premise", Dr. von Braun said, "a rocket which mounts one atop the other can be developed which will soar 1,075 miles into space at a top speed of 14,000 miles per hour, deposit a payload and return with its crew to earth". Diagrams showed how rocket progress thus far has placed such a goal at least within the same spatial scale to accommodate a "space station".

Dr. von Braun showed slides and pointed to scale models to explain how such a "space station" would look -- like a huge doughnut with a cross-bar welded to opposite sides. The station itself would be made of inflated plastic, powered by solar rays and populated by technicians who would use equipment brought on an estimated 12 flights necessary to set up the station. Settled within its own self-moving orbit, the man-made satellite would circle the entire globe in 12 hours, with giant telescopes able to glimpse people in Tokyo, Borneo, Asia and West Africa only four hours apart.

President JOHN DALY presided, at a head table which included RYAN, PAT LOCHRIDGE, Vice President WILLIAM P. GRAY, Cue feature editor John Keating, and ALEX FAULKNER. The book prize, "Cracks in the Kremlin", by Edward Crankshaw (Viking) was won by LEO FINDAHL. Guest Book: NBC's BEN GRAUER, MANFRED GEORGE, REAVIS O'NEAL, ELIZABETH FAGG, PAT LOCHRIDGE, ALBERT CROCKETT, Magazine Digest Editor ANDREW HECHT and MARTIN QUIGLEY.

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